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District Headquarters Hospital, Cuddalore

*134 Q.—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

3-30 p.m. (a) whether the construction of the 100 bed ward in the District Headquarters Hospital at Cuddalore has been completed; and

(b) if not, the stage at which the matter now stands?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Health): (a) Yes.

(b) Does not arise.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN: While thanking the Hon. Minister for answering the question six months after the opening of the Hospital, may I ask the Hon. Minister to tell us whether any deviation has taken place in the actual construction from the original plan and if so, what was the necessity for such deviation?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: I shall dutifully convey the thanks of the hon. Member to the Hon. Minister concerned. So far as the construction is concerned, it is stated that the original contractor could not fulfil it within the stipulated period of time and that is why there was some delay. I do not find any records here to show that there was any deviation.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: I have to announce to the House that under Rule 166 (1) and Rule 175 (1) respectively of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, I have nominated the following members to be the members of the Business Advisory Committee and the Committee on Government Assurances of the Council for one year with effect from 21st April 1963:—

Business Advisory Committee—

(1) Hon. Chairman (Chairman).
(2) Hon. Sri R. Venkataraman.
(3) Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar.
(4) Sri V. K. Palaniswami Gounder.
(5) Sri K. Anbazhagan.
(6) Sri K. Raja Ram.
(7) Sri S. K. Sambandhan.
(8) Sri K. Balasubramania Ayyar.
(9) Srimathi S. Manjubhashini.

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COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES.

(1) Dr. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIAR.
(2) Sri K. BALASUBRAMANIA AYYAR.
(3) Dr. P. V. RAJAMANNAR.
(4) Sri K. RAJA RAM.
(5) Sri J. PONNUSAMY VILLAVARAYAR.
(6) Sri K. RAMADASS.
(7) Sri K. R. RAMASAMY.

Under Rule 176 (1), I have nominated Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar to be the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances.

(2) MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have received a message from the Hon. Speaker, Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the Industrial Disputes (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1963 (L.A. Bill No. 7 of 1963) as passed by the Assembly for the concurrence of the Council.

I have also received a message from the Hon. Speaker Legislative Assembly, transmitting a copy of the Resolution passed by the Assembly:

'That thisHouse recommends to the Legislative Council that they do nominate three members from the Council to associate with the Committee on Subordinate Legislation of this House for the financial year 1963-64 and communicate to this House the name of the Members so nominated.'

III.—CALLING ATTENTION TO ENFORCEMENT OF GOLD CONTROL RULES IN THE CASE OF GOLD LACE USED IN SILK SAREES.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Mr. Chairman, Sir, with your permission I wish to call the attention of the Hon. Chief Minister under Rule 42 of the Council Rules to a matter of urgent public importance, namely, the enforcement of Gold Control Rules in the case of gold lace used in silk sarees for which the manufacturers of Kancheepuram silk sarees are compelled to take out licences and maintain and produce accounts, as a consequence of which thousands of weavers of silk sarees at Kancheepuram are threatened with unemployment, and the production of Kancheepuram silk sarees is affected, as these manufacturers of silk sarees are not able to get and distribute lace.

Even though this matter is within the purview of the Government of India, this Government being responsible to the people of this State for anything that affects the people of this State, this Government should take action and make strong representations to the Centre to remove these difficulties.